OLD ENGLAND.

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In minimis rebus qui deficit, ille putatur
In magnis nullam velle tenere fidem. HOR.

NOT only the Eyes of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, but of all the Nation, are fix'd on the approaching Scrutiny, in relation to the Election of a Citizen to ſerve in Parliament for the laſt mentioned Place; as the Freedom of voting, and in a great meaſure the Cauſe of public Liberty, depend upon the Event of it, and perhaps too the Fate of the *Coalition*, which, as it has for ſome time paſt, like the Scripture-Houſe, divided againſt itſelf, may receive ſuch a Blow from the late Practices of Corruption, ſo notoriouſly carried on againſt the public Voice, as may ſhake the very Foundations whereon that unnatural Fabric was erected, with all it's inconſiſtent Materials, without a Poſſibility of being ever put together again, unleſs they ſhould be endued with that wonderful Attraction which the Simplicity of ſome Country-People impute to the broken Pieces of Serpents, which, if left upon the Ground, will find means to rejoin and become entire again; and therefore they take Care not to ſeparate this early Adverſary of Man into Parts, but, after bruiſing the Head and ſwitching her Length with a Hazel-Twig, ſuſpend her on a Hawthorn in the Air; and ſo deprive her of that healing Virtue which the Earth is ſaid to communicate in order to reſtore Life.

Tho' this kind of *Suſpenſion* upon a Tree is no bad Hint, and may effectually ſerve to prevent a Re-union or *coalizing* of ſeparated Parts into one Body; yet I ſhould in no wiſe recommend it into Practice on the *Coalition*, but rather be contented with ſwitching them a little with a Rod of Impeachment, ſo as to ſuſpend them upon the Branches of *Pains* and *Penalties*, in order to render their crawling again into Power impracticable. 'Tis hoped however, that the *Britiſh Hercules* of Policy will not forget, that the laſt Fall he gave the *Antæii* was rather too gentle; and that, from touching their Mother *Terra*, which ſome write *Theſaura*, the Nurſe of Corruption, they rebounded into a higher Degree of Power. The next Encounter muſt be by an effectual Grapple with them in the Air, and a Suſpenſion from the communicative Force of *Theſaura*.

But whatever the Event of the Scrutiny may be, nay even tho' it ſhould turn out on the Side of Corruption, the ſpontaneous Suffrages of the People maintained a glorious Struggle againſt the Mercenaries of the *Coalition*. If they ſhould miſs of a complete Victory, it may be truly ſaid their generous Efforts and Courage deſerved it, as well as the Cauſe they ſo chearfully embarked in.

A ſucceſsful Struggle on a conteſted Election, firſt diſcloſed the precarious Footing whereon our late *Leviathan* of Power ſtood. I think it was that of *Chippenham*, which was miniſterially ſupported *within Doors* with all the Weight of the Treaſury and Lungs of Corruption on one Side, and by the public Voice on the other. The Mercenaries of Power, finding themſelves puſhed, began to flag, which, like a Panic in an Army, communicated to the Leaders, and drove the *Two Brothers* to deprecate at the Foot of the prevailing *Oppoſition*, in order to ſecure the beſt Terms they could to themſelves, at the Expence of their Principal, who might have ſtood his Ground had they not ungratefully deſerted him: — thro' an Impulſe of Conſcience undoubtedly, ariſing from the Qualms of Conviction, for having ſo long acted under the Commiſſion of Iniquity, as Inſtruments and Engines of his enormous Power.

Thoſe who are now in the Saddle acquired their Elevation corruptly, and maintain it by a Profuſion of Extravagance, in the Miſapplication of *Truſt*-Money, and a notorious Proſtitution of public Honors and Poſts among *Ignorants*; who, incapable of Virtue, are formed by Nature for the low, degenerate Purpoſes of a M***y, to attend and act, like Players, according to the Cue of the Prompter; or, like correſpondent Wheels in a Machine, to communicate Motion from one to the other (and perhaps as inſenſible too) obedient to one Maſter-Spring. As *Leviathan*'s Machine failed him, though compoſed of one uniform Set of under Agents, what leſs may be expected from the preſent ill-concerted Machine, whoſe operative Power is frequently interrupted by Counter-motions from two different principal Cauſes. Tho' they frequently act in Conformity, contrary to the Laws of Motion; yet they never conform for the Good of the State. The unnatural Union is always in direct Oppoſition to it, to ſupport ſome m*****l Job or other ſiniſter Meaſure that may conduce to the Benefit of the whole inconſiſtent Combination. The *Jews*, when beſieged by *Titus* in *Jeruſalem*, were divided into three different Factions, who, tho' as often as the Enemy without gave them Leiſure, were quarrelling and fighting for Dominion among themſelves; and yet, whenever the *Romans* were in Action againſt the City, they ſuſpended their private Animoſities and united in it's Defence; which at laſt ended in the Deſtruction of a Place that the generous *Titus* wanted only to ſubdue in order to preſerve. I think *Joſephus*, in his Lamentations over the City, calls theſe People who had obtruded themſelves into the Government of it, and by whoſe Diſſentions it was loſt, by the coarſe Appellation of THIEVES; as indeed he well might, ſince either Faction was equally incapable of Government, and actuated by ambitious Views and the Luſt of Power only.

It is ſurprizing how the Spirit of the *Weſtmonaſterians* has communicated it's Virtue thro' the Nation in ſo ſhort a Time. This ſhews, that the People in general are thoroughly diſpoſed to promote a Revolution in Politics, by a Change of Hands at the Helm; ſo as to ſet his ***y at Liberty, and themſelves free according to the Conſtitution of their Country; that P**g**ve abuſed may be no longer placed upon the People, nor P**l*e ſtretched out by deſigning Hands to intimidate the —— to countenance factious Purpoſes. The *Britiſh* Nation may be compared, and not unaptly, to ſuch a Horſe as will tamely ſubmit to any Oppreſſion of Weight from a ſingle Rider, but reſiſts the Impoſition of carrying double.

The Conduct of the Mob during the Election was worth obſerving. Tho' they were all on the ſame Side, yet they were far from inſulting the legal Voters which appeared on the other, and notwithſtanding they were eager to conduct double Voters and Repeaters of Perjuries at the Poll into *Diſcipline*, yet they no ſooner poſſeſſed themſelves of thoſe Delinquents than they delivered them up to the Conſtables, if any happened to appear; as they had conceived a good Opinion of thoſe Officers of Juſtice, who they apprehended were in the ſame Way of Thinking with themſelves; and it ſeems not without a good Foundation, notwithſtanding the *worſhipful* Appearance of Traders in the *Peace* on the other Side, who to a Man intereſted themſelves againſt the general Voice of the People, and had ſhut up *Shop* at home to buſy themſelves in Sollicitations abroad during the Courſe of the Election.

As *Wit* is the Child of Liberty it arranged itſelf manifeſtly on the Side of the People, in all the News-Papers and in various Hand-Bills diſperſed about the Town, and left the adverſe Side altogether deſtitute. They made a very indifferent Figure in Print, as appears by ſome remote Attempts that were made in various recriminating Advertiſements, wherein the Party proved very unſucceſsful, as they all operated contrary to Expectation, and, inſtead of falſifying, did actually verify the Charges made from the oppoſite Side. An Inſtance of this appeared early among them in the prevaricating Advertiſement of diſculpating a *certain Perſon* from the Exploits imputed to him, in Honor of his *French* Company of *Strollers* in the *Haymarket*, againſt the very People whom the Hero repreſented in P****t. Tho' the *honorable* Evaſion was detected and pointed out to View, and himſelf publicly called upon for an Eclairciſſement; yet he thought fit to repeat his Prevarications without the leaſt Amendment, and at the Cloſe to inſult the Public with a mock Triumph, as if he had ſatisfactorily cleared up the whole Charge.

No leſs inſulting was that Candidate's Conduct, who boaſted, in a public Advertiſement, of his having none but *Men of Honor* for his Friends. According to the Notion, which now prevails of *Men of Honor*, there may be ſome Truth in this Boaſt, as the Candidate himſelf muſt be allowed to be a *Man of Honor*. If the other Side of the Conteſt had boaſted that none but *honeſt Men* had eſpouſed that Cauſe, I ſhould have made no Scruple to believe, as all honeſt Men concur in that Opinion.

Tho' Wit and good Senſe do not always go together, yet ſhould I ſay there are a Species of People unincumbered with either, the Managers on one Side of the Election would juſtify the Aſſertion, ſo as to put it beyond all manner of Diſpute; more eſpecially, if we conſider their Prevarications in Print, from the Principal down to the meaneſt Agent, notwithſtanding the Helps they received from *Bow-ſtreet*. In the Heat of the Election there was handed about a written Notice or Warning, ſaid to have been ſerved by the Agents of a great Man upon one of his Tenants, to quit his Houſe at a Time therein ſpecified, on Pain of paying double Rent, for no other Reaſon it ſeems than that he had refuſed to pin his Conſcience on their Sleeves, and give his Vote according to their imperious Dictates. Tho' no Artifices were known to have been uſed on the Side this honeſt Man had voted, yet this Warning was looked upon as a Piece of pious Fraud by even his own Friends; as it was hardly credible, that any one, in the Conduct of the great Man's Affairs, could have been ſo void of Reflection as to act ſo imprudently at ſuch a Criſis, 'till the Fact was acknowleged in Print, in order to detect a

Man a Slip in an immaterial Circumſtance. This was not unlike the honeſt *Iriſhman*, on his Trial for a Robbery, who, to expoſe his Proſecutor's Miſtake in depoſing that he had the ſame light Wig on when he committed the Fact as he wore then at the Bar, declared it was very falſe, for that he had put on a black Wig on Purpoſe for Diſguiſe.

This is a parallel Caſe with that of our ingenuous Advertiſer, who was not content with one ſingle Acknowlegement of the Warning, but repeated it upon the Town, with the Addition of an Apology, that he was willing to do it *while he remembered it*, that is, juſt in the Heat of the Election! when, even allowing their Aſſertion true, that neither he nor his ſubſcribing Aſſociates had aſked the Man for his Vote, yet 'tis plain, that they had been apprized that ſome of their Brother-Agents had applied unſucceſsfully for it, and that it was engaged on the other Side. The Circumſtance proves the Motive demonſtratively. It was not only to revenge the Contumacy of this preſumptuous Tenant, but to ſhew others in his Claſs what they were to expect in the like Caſe. It was ſufficient to warrant the Tenant's Charge that the Fact was owned: he wanted no more, as the Reaſon of it is obvious to every Man, who is not as incapable of Reflection as the Warner appears to have been. Is it probable, that thoſe who have waded up to the very Chin to pick up Votes out of the Dirt, would have omitted to aſk for a *reputable* Vote, if they had not ſeen that the Grapes were ſour?

Tho' it muſt be acknowleged, that the great Man himſelf is a moſt profound Politician, and has with great Abilities and Application ſupported the State; yet I doubt his Servants are no Jeſuits, or they would hardly have diſhonoured his Dignity; in ſo public a Manner, and made him a Perſecutor of his Tenants for Conſcience-ſake. Be ſuch compulſory Methods as theſe, the Characteriſtics of Power; while civil Application and Decency of Behaviour, diſtinguiſh the Side of Liberty and the Cauſe of the People.

LONDON.

We hear that in about three Weeks will be publiſhed, addreſſed to the worthy Electors of Weſtminſter, An hiſtorical Print in two Plates, repreſenting the whole Life and Character, Birth, Parentage, and Education, Ingratitude and Proſtitution, Politics and Diſſimulation, Servility and Meanneſs, &c. &c. of *ESQUIRE DISMAL*, formerly Surgeon in Pallmall, but now one of the Managers of the French Players, and Agent in Chief for a certain Election. Price 1 s. each Plate. Printed for Mademoiſelle la Verité, and to be had at the ſeveral Pamphlet Shops of London and Weſtminſter.

We are informed, that Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Huſband's Houſe in May-Fair the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South Audley-Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there 'till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's Street, and down Clarges Street, and turn on the Left-Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as uſual, any Time 'till Four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May-Fair, near Hyde-Park-Corner, oppoſite the great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door, like a Country-Church-Porch.

We hear the French Players are all embarked for France.

We hear the Hon. Dr. Richard Trevor, Biſhop of St. David's, will be tranſlated to the See of Litchfield and Coventry, and that the Rev. Dr. Heylin, one of the Prebends of Weſtminſter, and Chaplain to his Majeſty, will be made Biſhop of St. David's.

It is alſo ſaid that the Hon. and Rev. Dr. Cornwalis, Prebend of Windſor, and Chaplain in ordinary to his Majeſty, will be promoted to the vacant ſee of Litchfield and Coventry.

Sunday died almoſt ſuddenly, as his Houſe in Upper Brook-ſtreet, in Groſvenor-ſquare, the Right Hon. John Lindſey Earl of Craufurd and Lindſey, and Viſcount Kilberney in Scotland, Lieutenant-General of his Majeſty's Forces, Colonel of the Regiment Scotch Greys; his Lordſhip was Adjutant-General of the Forces in Flanders, and one of the ſixteen Peers for Scotland.

His Lordſhip was a Volunteer under Prince Eugene at the Battle of Crotzka in Hungary, and received ſo many Wounds that he was left in the Field of Battle, which Wounds obliged him to Walk with Crutches ever ſince.

We hear the Right Hon. Lord Rothes will ſucceed his Lordſhip as Colonel of the Scotch Greys.

'Tis ſaid the Right Hon. the Lord Dalton, ſecond Baron of Scotland, will be choſen one of the Sixteen Peers in the room of Lord Craufurd.

At a Court Martial held on board his Majeſty's Yacht the Charlotte, at Deptford, on the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, and 20th Days of December, 1749.

PRESENT,

William Rowley, Eſq; Rear-Admiral of Great-Britain, and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majeſty's Fleet, Preſident.

Sir Edward Hawke, Vice-Admiral of the Blue.

The Hon. John Forbes, Eſq; Rear-Admiral of the White.

Capt. Merrick de L'Angle,
Capt. Thomas Sturton,
Capt. William Parry,
Capt. Richard Haddock,
Capt. Matthew Buckle.

The Court, purſuant to an Order from the Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty to William Rowley, Eſq; dated the 1ſt Inſtant, proceeded to enquire into the Conduct and Behaviour of Charles Knowles, Eſq; a Rear-Admiral of his Majeſty's Fleet, in, and relating to, an Action which happened on the 1ſt of October, 1748, between a Britiſh Squadron under his Command, and a Squadron of Spain; and having heard the Witneſſes, as well for the Crown as the Priſoner, and alſo what the Priſoner had to ſay in his Defence, and thoroughly conſidered the ſame, the Court do unanimouſly agree, That it has appeared that Mr. Knowles, by forming the Line to the Northward, upon ſeeing the Enemy in the Morning, acted properly, and like an Officer; but while he was ſtanding for the Enemy, he might, by a different Diſpoſition of his Squadron, have begun the Attack with ſix Ships, as early in the Day as four of them were engaged, and that therefore, by his neglecting to do ſo, he gave the Enemy a manifeſt Advantage; but in the Situation the Squadron was at the time the Tilbury returned the Enemy's Fire, the Rear-Admiral ſeems to have acted properly in making the ſignal for Battle, and beginning the Engagement then as he did; that it appears the Cornwall continued in cloſe and ſmart Action better than an Hour, and that Mr. Knowles remained on board her, with his Flag, after ſhe was diſabled from continuing the Action, though he might, upon her being diſabled, have ſhifted his Flag on board another ſhip; and the Court are unanimouſly of Opinion, that he ought to have done ſo, in order to have conducted and directed during the whole Action, the Motions of the ſquadron entruſted to his Care and Conduct; but as it appears that Mr Knowles expreſſed great Earneſtneſs and Zeal to get into Action, and, while the Cornwall was engaged, ſhewed great Perſonal Courage, Therefore, the Court do unanimouſly think, that his not removing his Flag aroſe from Miſtake, and not from Backwardneſs to bring his Perſon into Action; and upon Conſideration of Mr. Knowles's whole Conduct relating to the Action, the Court do unanimouſly agree, that he falls under Part of the 14th Article of the Articles of War, namely, the Word *Negligence*, and no other, and alſo under the 23d Article. And the Court do therefore unanimouſly adjudge that he be reprimanded, for not bringing up the Squadron in cloſer Order than he did, and not beginning the Attack with as great Force as he might have dave done, and alſo for not ſhifting his Flag, upon the Cornwall's being diſabled. And he is hereby reprimanded accordingly.

	Wm. Rowley,	*Tho. Sturton,*
C. Fearne,	*Edw. Hawke,*	*Wm. Parry,*
Jd. Adv.	*John Forbes,*	*Rich. Haddock,*
	Mk. de L'Angle,	*Mat. Buckle.*

Andrew Stone, Eſq; lately appointed one of the Lords of Trade and Plantations, was laſt Week re-elected Member of Parliamrnt for Haſtings in Suſſex without Oppoſition.

By a Letter from Shavington in the County of Dorſet, dated the 20th Inſt. we have advice, that all the Country about that Place are in great Conſternation about their Cattle, the Diſtemper having broke out at Mr. John Barnes's, who had loſt upwards of fifty Cows, old and young, being his whole Stock, in a Fortnight; and alſo that it had broke out amongſt the fat Cattle of a Nobleman in that Neighbourhood, and had carried off a great Number in a few Days.

We hear that the Diſtemper amongſt the Horned Cattle continues to rage about Sidgefield, and other places in the County of Durham.

There are already the greateſt Number of Horned Cattle drove to Paſture within two Miles of London, purſuant to a late Order of Council, as was ever ſeen in the Memory of Man.

A few Days ſince ſome Perſons got into the Treaſury Chamber at Chelſea Hoſpital, and endeavoured, but without Effect, to break open the Iron Cheſt. However they found ſome Money which they took, and afterwards robbed the Kitchen of Pewter, &c. and got clear off with their Booty.

Wedneſday James Bryan was committed to New-Priſon for ſtabbing a ſoldier on Monday Night laſt at a Publick Houſe, of which he lies in a languiſhing Condition.

We hear that the late Earl and Counteſs of Cromartie have taken a Houſe in Panton-Square to reſide in.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed Mr. M'Leod who was greatly ſerviceable at the Time of the late Rebellion in Scotland, in piloting the Men of War in and out of the Harbonrs there, to be Surveyor of the Barges and Boats in the Harbonr of Portſmouth.

Tueſday Night about 9 o'Clock ſeveral Fellows were ſeen by a Watchman getting into a Mahogony Warehouſe near Carnaby Market, whereupon he prudently let them all get up the Ladder, and enter the Houſe, then privately took away the Ladder, and calling his Brother Watchmen together, ſecured them all.

The New Tagus, Clements, arrived at Portſmouth, from Cadiz ſpoke with the St. Andrew, Capt. Freeman, from Newfoundland for Civita Vechia, on the 7th Inſtant about 30 Leagues to the Weſtward of the Streights Mouth having the Wind Northerly, and being five Weeks on her Paſſage: and at the ſame Time there was about twenty Sail in Sight, bound to the Eaſtward.

The Ranger, Swan, from Londonderry for the Streights, was forced on Shore between the 8th and 9th Inſtant. on Dundrum Bay, upon the Coaſt on Ireland; the Ship is likely to be loſt, but it is hoped they will be able to ſave Part of the Cargo.

We hear that Charles Winter, Eſq; will be appointed Second Major in the Firſt Troop of Life-Guards, in the room of Elways, Eſq; preferred.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight about 7o'Clock as Lady Fonnereau and her Siſter, had been viſiting, were ſtopt in the Chariot at her own Gate in Silver-ſtreet, Edmonton, by a ſingle Highwaymen, whilſt the Footmen was ringing the Bell, and were robbed of their Watches and Money. The ſame Fellow ſoon after robbed a Coach. and got off with his Booty.

Laſt Week five Smugglers were taken at the Houſe of Robert Hagon. at the Woods End at Bramerton, in Norfolk, by a Cuſtom-houſe Officer from Beccles. aſſiſted by a Party of Lord Rothes Drogoons, Among them are James Carbold, alias Jiffling Jack; Charles Gowen, alias the Papiſt of Beccles, and John Doe, late of the City of Norwich. all Out-lawrd Smugglers; the Names of the other two are not not known. Hagon the Keeper of the Houſe is alſo in Cuſtody for harbouring them.

We hear that the Boy who defrauded Mr. Gregg, in St. James's-ſtreet, on Saturday, of a Gold Watch went firſt into the Shop of Mr. Grey, his Majeſty's Watchmaker there, and had conveyed a Gold Watch into a Pocket under his Arms which Mr, Grey obſerving. took it from him, and turned him out of the Shop; notwithwanding which, we had the Impudence to go to Mr. Gregg's, which is but a few Doors higher in the ſame Street, and there, under Pretence of buying a Watch. ſtole one.

The St. Thomas Dormer, from Valentia, is arrived at Dartmouth, in 19. Days; who on the 7th Inſtant ſpoke with the Martha, Lone, from Yarmouth to Leghorn off Tongier, when all were well. He alſo ſpoke with a Ship from Gibralter, the Maſter of which aſſured him, that there was no Rupture with Sallee or Tangier, He alſo in Lat. 41. on the 12th Inſt. was brought to by an Algerine Man of War of 50 Guns, who after examining his Paſs, diſmiſſed him, wiſhing him a good Voyage.

The laſt Letters from the Hague ſay, that the Dutch Ambaſſador wil ſet out for Paris, and the French Ambaſſador arrive at the Hague within the Compaſs of the Month of January.

On Tueſday a Woman decoyed a Child from it's Parent's Door in Gray's Inn, and then ſtripp'd it, in the Fields leading to Pancras; ſhe was ſoon after taken and being carried before a Magiſtrate, was committed to New Priſon.

There have been in the Compaſs of three Weeks five Robberies within the Walls of Chealſea College.

The Church at preſent in Mancheſter being found Inſufficient for that populous Town the Inhabitants are going to erect twh new Churches at their own Expence, the Grounds being giviag by two worthy Gentlemen of the Town; and ſome Architects are already employed for that undertaking.

Peter Bredart, Maſter of the John and William Bilander belonging to Plymouth, arrived on Friday Morning in 21 Days from Alicant and declares, that on the 4th Inſt. in the Lattitude 39, 30, N. ſixty Leagues to the Weſtward of the Butling,, he ſpoke with a ſmall Squadron of Algerine Men of War conſiſtitg of one of 50 Guns, and one of 40 and two of 20; they ſent for him and ordered him ro bring his Mediterranean Paſs, beg'd a Compaſs, of Half Hour Glaſs, and a frail of Fruit; the two latter of whtch he gave them; they had been out 18 Days, but had met with nothing but one French Ship bound to Guinea, which for want of a propee Paſs they ſent to Algiers.

Extract from the laſt Paris Gazette.

By Letters from Moſcow, bearing Date the 29th of November laſt, we are informed. that on the 19th of the ſaid Movember, the Senate received Orders for holding a General Aſſembly the very next Day.

They met accordingly, and the grand Duke being at

that Time preſent, took his Seat there for the firſt Time, as preſumptive Heir of the Empire, and acted as ſuch in all the Debates and Deliberations of that Auguſt Aſſembly.

By an expreſs Order from her Czariſh Majeſty, the Sieur Bakounin, Counſellor General of Ruſſia in Perſia was taken into Cuſtody on his firſt Arrival in this City, and conducted under a proper Guard to one of the Apartments in the College for the Adminiſtration of foreign Affairs.

He is charged with having been gailty of ſeveral Male Practices, and with acting below the Dignity of his Character, and the Commiſſion with which he was entruſted.

Fram the Paris A la-main, Dec. 29.

They write from Milan, that Count Pallivicini, having received very preſſing Orders to ſet ont Germany, deſired his Friend General Lepez to follow him with his Equipage. which he did in a few Days; but at a ſmall Diſtance from Milan was attacked by a Baud of Robbers, who killed the Count's Cook upon the Spot wounded the General in the Arm, and robbed the Servants of a large Sum of Money, ſeveral Suits of Fine Cloaths, and ſome Jewels that belonged to their Maſter.

An Arret of Council of State was this Morning publiſh'd, for exempting Wool, Cotton, Hemp, Flax, Camels and Goats Hair, coming into the Kingdom from Countries from paying any Duty.

Extract of a Letter from Rome, dated Dec. 13.

" Within theſe few Days laſt paſt, his Holineſs has received a very Magnificent Preſent from the Elector of Mayence, conſiſting of an Altar, very accurately wrought in Ivory and Ebony; which by virtue of ſeveral Secret Springs, would move from Place to Place of itſelf; and, when opened, was a grand Book Caſe, well ſtock'd with a great Number of very valuable Books all bound, gilt and letter'd in the moſt elegant Manner.

On Sunday next the two Auditors of the Rota, Meſſrs. Magazzi and Amadei, will publiſh in Form with the uſual Solemnities at the Quirinal, the Bull for the Holy Year; the firſt in Italian, and the laſt in Latin.

We have received the unwelcome News that the Corſairs of Barbary have lately made themſelves Maſters (on the Coaſts of the Eccleſiaſticel State) of a large Sicilian Veſſel, richly laden with a great Variety of valuable Drugs, and other Commodities of divers Sorts."

Extract of a Letter from Alicant, Dec. 10. *N. S.*

" On the 4th Inſt. arrived here in a Boat belonging to the Cornelia Galley, a Dutch ſhip, Captain Eelmer Leyen, bound for Genoa, and laſt for Gibralter, where ſhe took in nine Genoeſe Paſſengers; the Crew conſiſting of the ſame Number; whereof ſix came and reported, That the Genoeſe had, on Account of the Captain's refuſing them Water, killed him aud his ſon, and the Boatſwain. They got into Town, as belonging to ſome Ship in Port, but the Governor ſent them to the Caſtle; and next Day a French ſhip brought in ſix of the Genoeſe. The Fact is found to be, that the Dutcamen had robbed the Ship at Gibraltar, and the Maſter threatening to havo them chaſtiſed at Genoa they threw him overboard, off of Ivica, and killed his ſon: The Genoeſe hearing the Noiſe, run np to the Maſter's Aſſinance three were killed; but the forth luckily got a Muſket, ſhot the Boatſwain, and ſo rtired with the reſt and as the Dutch ſailors could not get at them, they hoiſted out the Boat anc ſet Fire to the ſhip, with Intention to burn the Genoeſe; but Providence took Care of them, ſor when the Maſts went overboard, they got upon the Pieces and continued 'till the Flemes were obſerved by a French, man who ſent his Boat out, and took them up: This barbarous Villainy was, I think, committed about Ten o'Clock at Night it is ſuppoſed the Villains will be kept here till they are ſent for by the States."

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 16. By the Speedwell of Kingſton arrived from Aberdeen, we hav: the following melancholy Account that on Wedneſday laſt, the Edinburgh, of Kingham, ——— Turpie, Maſter, bound for Aberdeen, with Wool, was drove to the Northward of, that Place by the Violence of the Storm, and about 12 o'Clock at Night ſhipt three Seas; and that the Hands finding they could not keep her long above Water, run her a-ſhore near Newburgh on Eython Water, by which all on board periſhed except a Paſſenger and Robert Airkin, one of the Crew 11 Packs of the Wool were ſaved. There were on board eight Sailors, and five Paſſengers, beſides the Maſter.

Norwich, Dec. 23. Laſt Saturday Evening between Eight and Nine o'Clock, as two Dragoons making Cartridges in a littlle Room near the Gateway at the Popinjay a Woman who was in the Room Snuffing the Candle, a Spark dropt upon a large Quantity of Gunpowder that laid upon the Table, which immediately took Fire: By the Violence of the Exploſion, the Door and Door-Stall of the Room were blown into the middle of the Yard, and the adjoining Rooms were much ſhatter'd; one of the Dragoons was burnt in a terrible Manner, but the Woman received no Hurt.

IRELAND.

Dublin. Dec. 16. On Tueſday laſt died the Right Hon. John Adamſon, Eſq; Lord Mayor of this City And On Thurſday Sir Samuel Cook, Bart was elected Lord Mayor in his room.

His Majeſty's Letters Patent have paſſed the Great Seal appointing the Hon. Edward Southwell, Eſq; Conſtable and Keeper of the Caſtle and Fort of Limerick.

Saturday his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council, iſſued a Proclamation, for the apprehending Charles Lucas, Apothecary, purſuant to an Addreſs of the Hon. Houſe of Commons.

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